

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient for inhibiting dust mite feces and/or mold spores, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an enzyme is used as the active ingredient that is capable of breaking down the polypeptides of the dust mite feces - which are in the form of protein chains - into oligopeptides, mono peptides, dipeptides or tripeptides or of likewise breaking down the mold spores, said breakdown products no longer having an allergenic effect on humans.

2. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient for denaturing the keratin of animal hair and/or for denaturing plant pollen or plant spores, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an enzyme is used as the active ingredient that is capable of breaking down the protein chains of the keratin of animal hair or the protein chains of plant pollen or plant spores or else the plant pollen or plant spores into oligopeptides, mono peptides, dipeptides or tripeptides, said breakdown products no longer having an allergenic effect on humans.

3. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient according to Claim 1, ~~or 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of the enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, pancreatin, thrombin or trypsin is used as the active ingredient.

4. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the active ingredient consists of an active ingredient combination of one of the enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, pancreatin, thrombin or trypsin and water.

5. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein anionic surfactants are added to the active ingredient combination of one of the enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, pancreatin, thrombin or trypsin and water.

6. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to Claim 3, ~~or 4, characterized in that~~ wherein fragrances and/or preservatives are added to the above-mentioned active ingredient combinations of claim 3 ~~Claims 3 and/or 4~~.

7. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 6,~~ claim 1, wherein the enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, pancreatin, thrombin, trypsin can be used in mixtures of two or more of the above-mentioned enzymes.

8. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 7,~~ claim 1, wherein one of the employed enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, pancreatin, thrombin

or trypsin, preferably the enzyme auxillase, is present in the active ingredient combination in an amount of 0.1% to 10%.

9. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein a mixture of two or more of the employed enzymes auxillase, alcalase, bromelain, alpha-chymotrypsin, collagenase, pepsin, pronase, thrombin, pancreatin or trypsin, is present in the active ingredient combination in an amount of 0.1% to 10%.

10. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the water is present in the total content of the active ingredient combination in amounts between 1% and 85%.

11. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactants are preferably present in the total content of the active ingredient combination in amounts between 3% and 15%.

12. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the fragrances are present in the total content of the active ingredient combination in amounts between 1% and 3%.

13. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 12, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the

preservatives are preferably present in the total content of the active ingredient combination in amounts between 0.5% and 3%.

14. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the active ingredient combination is filled into containers used for spraying or squirting.

15. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 14, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the active ingredient combination is placed into containers such as bags, or in textiles or textile materials.

16. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to Claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the container used for spraying is a nasal spray by means of which the active ingredient combination can be sprayed directly onto the nasal mucous membranes.

17. (currently amended)

The use of an active ingredient combination according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the active ingredient combination is present in liquid or paste or gel form.